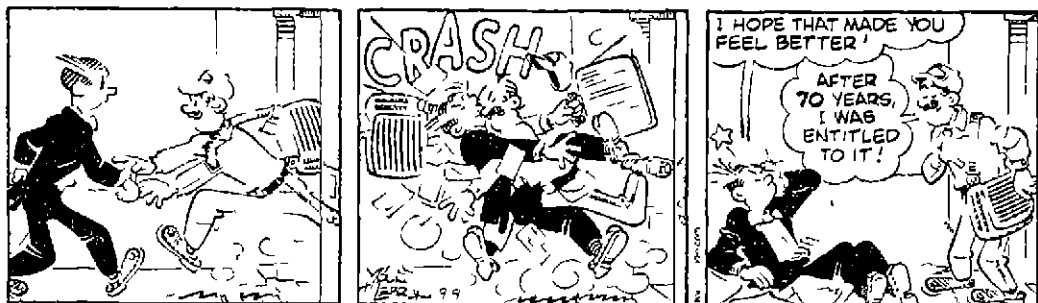


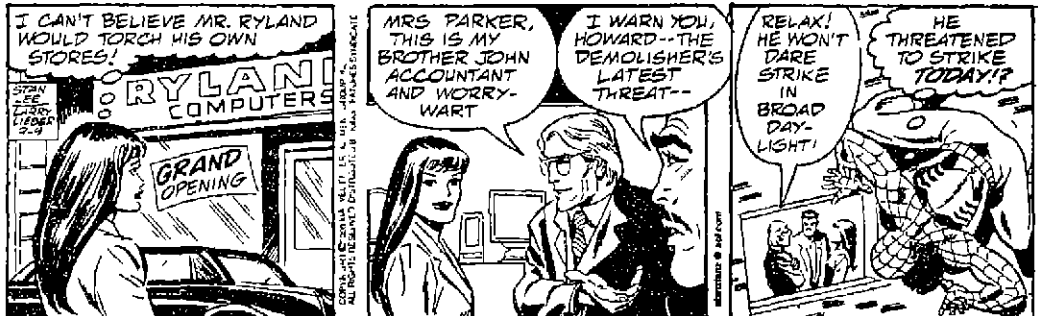
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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



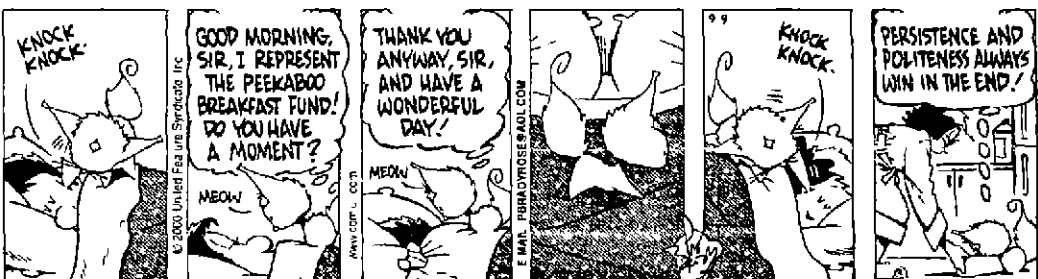
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JUMP START



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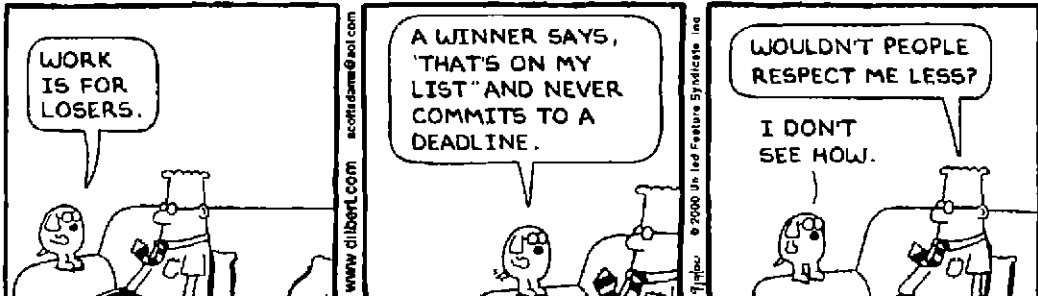
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



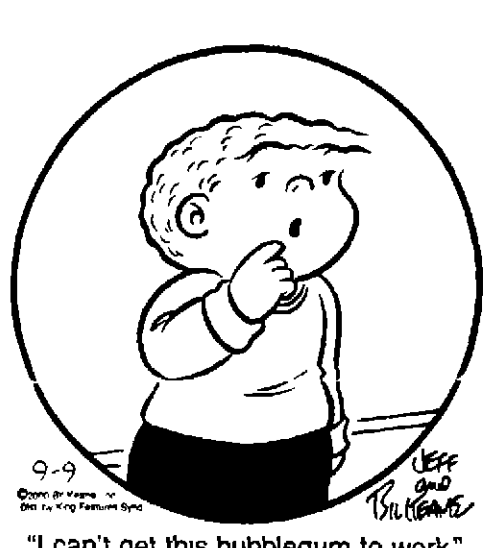
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Jane Greer is 76 Actor Cliff Robertson is 75 Jazz musician Elvin Jones is 73 Actress Sylvia Miles is 68 Actor Topol is 65 Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Simmons is 58 Singer Inez Fox is 58 Singer Dee Sharp is 55 Singer-musician Billy Preston is 54 Football commentator Joe Theismann is 51 Actor-comedian Michael Keaton is 49 Actor Tom Wopat is 49

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PAR SCORE 70-80 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points to each word, using "Scrabble" direct or indirect. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All letter words are 1. The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill Webster) and USG Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your goals and prospective projects will come to life if you can locate some other folks to work with and share the load.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Before embarking on an extracurricular activity, be sure that your work is done.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Dive into the deepest recesses of your mind and ponder the meaning of the universe.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't get caught in the cross-fire of conflicting opinions.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Your ego could get in between you and someone very close to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Oblige someone else's crazy request, as you will have fun helping out with this activity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Romance is in the air and tickling you under the nose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are in a rare position of power to really make a difference in the world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your brain is scheming for a way to make some additional cash.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Concentrate on reversing a wrong you might have inadvertently committed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is a golden moment for you. Crowds are sitting on the edge of their seats to listen to your latest ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Keep pen and paper by your bedside to record your dreams. You'll find that they are more revealing than before.

WORD SLEUTH

FLYING INSECTS

PMFCAXVSQOLJHFE
CAAXVCTYLFWASIR
PYDGRASSHOPPERY
NFWALDJHFDYOEEL
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RQEYLFRETTUBQOG
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DCLUAYYAXWHTOMR
VTYGSRYLFLESMA D

Friday's unlisted clue: **ROSES**
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: **A LIGHTNING BUG**

Bees Damselfly Ladybug Sawfly
Butterfly Dragonfly Mayfly Wasp
Caddis fly Grasshopper Mosquitoes Whirly
Cicada Lace bug Moth

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

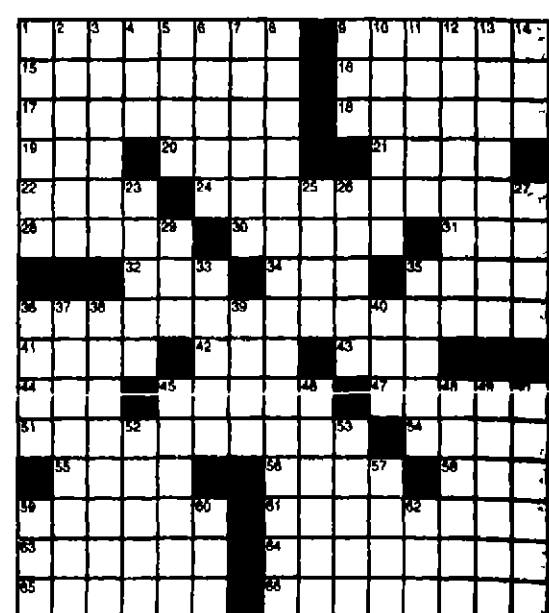
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- ACROSS**
- Emotional
 - Soap operas or movie thrillers, say
 - Direct an aide to handle
 - Unlike nobelium, e.g.
 - Routine part
 - Astronomical discovery of 1967
 - Med land
 - Sputnik coverer
 - Be too much
 - Closing notes
 - Where some eagles are seen
 - Go overboard, in a way
 - "It takes ___ know"
 - It may produce a chill
 - Caesar's salad ingredients?
 - ___ system
 - Not clean
 - Patro party decorations
 - Marxian article
 - Clamor
 - Decline
 - Rare transports, nowadays
 - Lord's workers
 - Bedouin
 - Some convertibles
 - Biographical opening?
 - All the ___
 - Sonar principle
 - Recommendations
 - Split
 - Budget items
 - Beloved of Aphrodite
 - Synthetic
 - One who gets the message?
 - Won't forgive

- DOWN**
- Superior
 - Central Park sight
 - Be temperate
 - Nickelodeon's Kenan and ___
 - Put in or take out
 - Toledo titles
 - Pans-based grp. since 1948
 - Things
 - Head-to-head phenomenon?
 - Like some walls
 - Plant with arrow-shaped leaves
 - Cushion indicators
 - Minimize
 - "all that wealth" Gray
 - Answer (for)
 - Country name
 - Short jackets
 - Chaps, in British slang

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SDI AKELA ATSEA
ARM DOLES LUCAS
DEARJOHNLETTERS
BAGE KIDAROUND
AMID INNS ERG
CONIETIANTIE TIRIJE
KNELLING THYME
ALDA ROHE
GANGS POTROAST
EGOS AMENCORNER
REF ADAR INRE
SACREDCOW SUPS
PAULINEEPISTLES
OGLES OPART UNE
GOTME FILEE STS



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